



HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 15, 2022
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the June 16, 2022, meeting](#)
Comments by the Chairman

TELEHEALTH STUDY

9:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Sydne Enlund, Senior Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures, relating to payment parity for telehealth services

9:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Brad Gibbens, MPA, Acting Director, Center for Rural Health, and Assistant Professor, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, relating to rural barriers to telehealth services

10:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative from the Information Technology Department relating to broadband and digital literacy in rural areas

10:30 a.m. Committee discussion and directives

10:45 a.m. Break

MEDICATION OPTIMIZATION STUDY AND ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT

11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Jennifer Hammer, President, JWHammer, LLC, regarding medication optimization and a [report](#) on essential health benefits
Committee discussion and directives

HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES

11:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. John Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance Department, regarding request for proposal recommendations for health insurance mandate cost benefit analyses
Committee discussion and directives

12:00 noon Recess

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING STUDY

1:00 p.m. Committee review of a bill draft [[23.0092.01000](#)] providing for the implementation of a prescription drug reference rate pilot program
[Comments](#) by interested persons

1:30 p.m. Committee review of a bill draft [[23.0104.01000](#)] providing for a study of value-based purchasing
Comments by interested persons

2:00 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the prescription drug pricing study

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER STUDY

- 2:10 p.m. Committee review of a bill draft [[23.0069.01000](#)] providing for the study of implementation of a community health worker program
[Comments](#) by interested persons
- 2:40 p.m. Committee review of a bill draft [[23.0103.02000](#)] providing for regulation of and Medicaid reimbursement of community health workers
Comments by interested persons
- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the community health worker study
- ## **HEALTH INSURANCE NETWORK STUDY**
- 3:40 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the health insurance network study
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Robin Weisz (Chairman), Pamela Anderson, Mike Beltz, Ruth Buffalo, Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, Zachary Ista, Jim Kasper, Lisa Meier, Marvin E. Nelson, Bob Paulson, Karen M. Rohr, Greg Westlind

Senators: Howard C. Anderson, Jr., Tim Mathern, Dave Oehlke, Kristin Roers

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